Fire Safety Code Board
Of Appeal & Review
Minutes of January 6, 2009 meeting

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday January 6, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu, Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Pearson, Preiss, Blackburn, Jasparro, Walker and Dias. Absent were Commissioners Filippi, Jackson and Richard. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini. The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #060150A: Timothy LaRose of Hughes Associates, for the property located at 1193 Broad Street, Central Falls. ADSFM Gerald Dion and ADSFM Keith Sullivan appeared for the Central Falls Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the applicant's requested relief as outlined in his October 20, 2008 letter to the Board. Commissioner Preiss suggested that one person from the company's employees be trained appropriately to conduct daily inspections of the post indicators and gate valves on the exterior of the building. The motion passed with Chairman Coutu and Commissioner Blackburn recusing themselves from the vote.

APPEAL #060062A: Br. Robert Croteau, for the property located at

800 Logee Street, Woonsocket. ADSFM Francis Dunton appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook, to grant the applicant's request to extend the original deadline for sprinkler system coverage for the ice rink by an additional thirty-six (36) months due to the difficulty in finding an alternative site for the ice rink. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #080321: Mr. Cornelis deBoer, for the property located at 75 North Main Street, Providence. ADSFM Richard Silva and ADSFM Frank Mills appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant the applicant's requested relief to allow third party monitoring and supervision of the flow switches of the sprinkler system of this facility during a period of time that the applicant works with the Providence Fire Department to restore the sprinkler system to this facility. Also the Board notes that the applicant may return in the future with an additional plan of action and timelines for the remainder of the project. The motion passed with Commissioner Blackburn abstaining.

APPEAL #080332: Mr. Peter Casale, for the property located at 725 Branch Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Joseph Michalczyk appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook, to grant the applicant's requested relief from seismic bracing of the sprinkler

system in this building. The motion passed with Commissioner Walker abstaining from the vote.

APPEAL #080346: Ms. Debra Robbins, for the property located at 52 Nancy Street, Providence. ADSFM Christopher Dillon appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the applicant thirty (30) days to design a municipal fire alarm system for this facility and an additional 120 days from the thirty-day deadline in which to complete the installation and to have the Providence Fire Marshal's office approve the alarm.

APPEAL #050510: Ferland Property Management, for the property located at 315-319 Elmwood Avenue, Providence.

APPEAL #050512: Ferland Property Management, for the property located at 1688 Westminster Street, Providence.

APPEAL #050513: Ferland Property Management, for the property located at 30 Hagan Street, Providence.

ADSFM Lisa Krapf and ADSFM Christopher Dillon appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The Board advised the applicant and the Providence Fire Marshal's Office to return to the Board on March 3, 2009 with a plan of action for code compliance in the above properties. At this time no vote was taken by the Board.

The Ferland Property Management Group, for the following properties:

APPEAL #050670: 41-45 Village Road, Woonsocket

APPEAL #050671: 75 Village Road, Woonsocket

APPEAL #050672: 104 Village Road, Woonsocket

APPEAL #050673: 136 Village Road, Woonsocket

APPEAL #050674: 156-160 Village Road, Woonsocket

APPEAL #050675: 216-220-226 Village Road, Woonsocket

**APPEAL #050676: 346-350-366 Village Road, Woonsocket** 

APPEAL #050677: 385-399-403 Village Road, Woonsocket

**APPEAL #050678: 461-465-471 Village Road, Woonsocket** 

APPEAL #050679: 2492-2557-2581 Diamond Hill Rd., Woonsocket

APPEAL #050680: 2491-2503-2515 Diamond Hill Rd., Woonsocket

APPEAL #050681: 2419-2431 Diamond Hill Rd., Woonsocket

APPEAL #050682: 2385-2391 Diamond Hill Rd., Woonsocket

APPEAL #050683: 432 Diamond Hill Rd., Woonsocket

APPEAL #050684: 470 Diamond Hill Rd., Woonsocket

APPEAL #050685: 530-544 Diamond Hill Rd., Woonsocket

APPEAL #050686: 1140-1148-1150-1154-1156-1164 Diamond Hill Road,

Woonsocket

APPEAL #050687: 1194 Diamond Hill Rd., Woonsocket

APPEAL #050688: 1240 Diamond Hill Rd., Woonsocket

APPEAL #050689: 127 Mendon Road, Woonsocket

ADSFM Thomas Papa appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. The Board advised the applicant and the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office to return to the Board on March 3, 2009 with a plan of action for code compliance in the above properties. At this time no vote was taken by the Board.

Old Business: The Board advised the RI Marine Trade Association that a subcommittee will be formed by April 1, 2009 who will meet with the RI Marine Trade Association, the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Marshals of coastal municipalities. This subcommittee will work with the marshals to create a uniform inspection report for marine facilities. Once these facilities have been inspected, based on the uniform inspection report for marine facilities, the marina owners shall then work with their respective marshals on a plan of action for the correction of the deficiencies outstanding in their facilities.

Respectfully submitted,
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